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PENNSYLVANIA EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS

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TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN PENNSYLVANIA
All Persons (In Thousands)

RESIDENT DATA*	APRIL 1985	MARCH 1985	APRIL 1984
UNADJUSTED DATA			
Civilian Labor Force	5,448.0	5,414.0	5,317.0
Employment	5,000.0	4,958.0	4,829.0
Unemployment	447.0	456.0	488.0
% Civilian Labor Force	8.2	8.4	9.2
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA			
Civilian Labor Force	5,575.0	5,557.0	5,436.0
Employment	5,114.0	5,116.0	4,935.0
Unemployment	461.0	441.0	501.0
% Civilian Labor Force	8.3	7.9	9.2

APRIL 1985 EMPLOYMENT INCREASES BY 42,000
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS TO 8.2 PERCENT

Pennsylvania's employment situation improved modestly in April with unadjusted employment rising 42,000 since March to reach 5 million. Unemployment decreased by 9,000 in April and the unadjusted unemployment rate fell to 8.2 percent from the 8.4 percent recorded in March. When seasonal adjustments are applied to these data, the results show gains which are less than expected for this time of year. Several factors could be responsible for this phenomenon, including the decline in manufacturing employment, larger than usual hirings in the contract construction industry during March and/or the apparent public preference for a smaller government role in the civilian sector.

Adjusted employment throughout the Keystone State equaled 5,114,000 this month, which was 2,000 less than March figure but still 179,000 greater than the year-earlier figure. The number of unemployed persons increased after seasonal modifications to total 461,000 for April, 40,000 less than April 1984. The State' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 8.3 percent, up from 7.9 percent in March 1985 but down from 9.2 percent in April 1984.

For the United States, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 7.3 percent, the third consecutive month this jobless rate occurred. Total adjusted unemployment increased by 30,000 from March 1984 to 8,426,000, which translates into 374,000 fewer jobless persons than April 1984. After seasonal adjustments national employment reached 106,945,000 during April, a decrease of 174,000 persons since last month.

SERVICES, FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE
EMPLOYMENT RALLY TO RECORD HIGH LEVELS

Pennsylvania's nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased for the third successive month as employment reached 4,692,800 in April. This sum was 33,100 more than the March count of 4,659,700. Nonmanufacturing industries in April continued to forge ahead with 33,800 jobs in addition to the 3,565,400 posted last month. However, the State's manufacturing sector had 1,600 fewer workers compared to March's 1,092,300 employment. The job level in nondurable goods factories continued to retreat for the seventh straight month, hitting a new low of 462,700 in April. This minimum point represented a 13,400 decrease in employment since one year ago.

NONMANUFACTURING In comparison with the year-earlier figure, employment in nonmanufacturing industries expanded by 98,500 positions in April 1985. Job increases occurred in all the major subdivisions of nonmanufacturing with the exception of public utilities and government. Services employment reached a new record level of 1,153,500 this month, reporting the largest increase in nonmanufacturing, 14,100 in April. Similarly, the job level in the finance, insurance and real estate category registered a banner month with 258,900 employed. The State's contract construction industry took advantage of the mild spring weather and favorable interest rates for housing starts to hire 10,900 more workers than the March level. Retail trade employment rebounded by 6,700 to 782,900 this April.

MANUFACTURING Total employment in the manufacturing industries was hampered by job losses in apparel and textile products, electrical and electronic equipment as well as the primary metal industries. An employment decline of 32,100 has been experienced in the twelve months preceding April 1985. Reductions of 18,700 and 13,400 were noted in the durable goods and nondurable goods sectors, respectively, since April 1984. In the durable goods industries, lumber and wood products had an increase of 1,000 since March while in the nondurable goods industries, the largest gainer was stone, clay and glass with 900 additional jobs added to March's 48,700 total.

AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS DECREASE SLIGHTLY

The average workweek for manufacturing industrial workers in April was 39.3 hours, a decline of one-half hour from March and one full hour below April 1984. This decline in the average length of the factory workweek contributed to the 0.8 percent decline in the Pennsylvania composite index of leading indicators in April. Average hourly earnings, which include not only basic hourly and incentive wages but also premium pay for overtime and late shift work, rose from $9.51 to $9.55 in April. Average weekly earnings were $375.32 compared to the revised $378.50 for the previous month and $372.78 for April 1984.

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In cooperation with the United States Department of Labor

MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRY DETAIL

(Employment in Thousands)

ESTABLISHMENT DATA #	ALL EMPLOYES			NET CHANGE		PRODUCTION WORKER AVERAGES: HOURS AND EARNINGS								
						GROSS WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	April 1985 1/	March 1985	April 1984	March 1985	April 1984	April 1985 1/	March 1985	April 1984	April 1985 1/	March 1985	April 1984	April 1985 1/	March 1985	April 1984
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	4,692.8	4,659.7	4,626.7	33.1	66.1									
TOTAL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	1,090.7	1,092.3	1,122.8	-1.6	-32.1	$375.32	$378.50	$372.78	39.3	39.8	40.3	$9.55	$9.51	$9.25
TOTAL DURABLE GOODS	628.0	628.8	646.7	-0.8	-18.7	419.99	424.54	425.76	40.5	40.9	41.7	10.37	10.38	10.21
Lumber & wood products	22.5	21.6	21.9	1.0	0.7	300.35	299.35	305.04	40.1	39.9	41.0	7.49	7.50	7.44
Furniture & fixtures	20.7	20.9	20.2	-0.2	0.5	311.22	314.81	307.97	39.0	39.4	40.1	7.98	7.99	7.68
Stone, clay & glass products	48.7	47.8	48.9	0.9	-0.2	418.58	4.7.66	404.49	41.9	41.6	41.7	9.99	10.04	9.70
Primary metal industries	108.1	108.9	122.5	-0.8	-14.4	483.52	489.24	508.83	39.6	40.4	42.1	12.21	12.11	12.11
Fabricated metal products	89.0	89.5	89.3	-0.5	-0.3	411.48	413.91	401.31	40.5	40.9	41.5	10.16	10.12	9.67
Machinery, exc. electrical	115.1	115.1	113.0	0.0	2.1	426.54	437.00	436.60	41.1	41.1	41.7	9.54	9.58	9.27
Electric & electronic equipment	103.8	105.5	107.3	-1.7	-3.5	392.00	393.74	386.56	41.1	41.1	41.7	9.54	9.58	9.27
Transportation equipment	62.5	62.6	64.9	-0.1	-2.4	500.35	498.74	488.55	41.8	41.7	41.9	11.97	11.96	11.66
Instruments & related products	36.8	36.7	37.2	0.1	-0.4	370.26	384.87	376.33	39.6	40.9	41.4	9.35	9.41	9.09
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries	20.7	20.2	21.5	0.5	-0.8	313.77	316.03	353.14	36.4	37.4	41.4	8.62	8.45	8.53
TOTAL NONDURABLE GOODS	462.7	463.5	476.1	-0.8	-13.4	317.98	317.89	302.21	37.9	38.3	38.4	8.39	8.30	7.87
Food & kindred products	88.3	87.5	88.4	0.8	-0.1	366.30	362.98	352.54	39.6	39.8	39.7	9.25	9.12	8.88
Tobacco manufacturers	2.2	2.2	2.4	0.0	-0.2	228.14	215.72	223.29	39.2	36.5	38.9	5.82	5.91	5.74
Textile mill products	31.6	31.5	34.3	0.1	-2.7	246.38	245.97	240.86	37.5	37.9	38.6	6.57	6.49	6.24
Apparel & other textile products	105.3	107.8	116.7	-2.5	011.4	192.86	197.88	192.20	32.8	34.0	34.2	5.88	5.82	5.62
Paper & allied products	41.2	41.1	41.1	0.1	0.1	406.00	399.40	369.05	43.1	42.9	41.7	9.42	9.31	8.85
Printing & publishing	74.0	73.5	72.1	0.5	1.9	394.74	403.85	379.82	38.7	39.4	39.4	10.20	10.25	9.64
Chemicals & allied products	59.7	59.2	58.9	0.5	0.8	452.61	458.89	454.33	41.6	42.1	42.5	10.88	10.90	10.69
Petroleum & coal products	12.6	12.6	12.1	0.0	0.5	545.70	533.34	573.16	42.5	41.7	44.5	12.84	12.79	12.88
Rubber & misc. plastics products	36.6	36.6	37.1	0.0	-0.5	346.76	350.10	331.61	40.7	40.9	41.4	8.52	8.56	8.01
Leather & leather products	11.2	11.5	13.0	-0.3	-1.8	204.06	204.20	193.68	35.8	35.7	35.8	5.70	5.72	5.41
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	3,599.2	3,565.4	3,500.7	33.8	98.5									
Mining	38.8	37.9	39.0	0.9	-0.2									
Contract Construction	181.6	170.7	163.9	10.9	17.7									
Transportation	141.9	141.9	140.3	0.0	1.6									
Public Utilities	104.6	104.9	105.4	-0.3	-0.8									
Communications	52.7	53.1	54.4	-0.4	-1.7									
Electric, gas and sanitary service	51.9	51.8	51.0	0.1	0.9									
Wholesale trade	255.8	254.5	247.3	1.3	8.5									
Retail trade	782.9	776.2	768.6	6.7	14.3									
General merchandise stores	120.8	118.8	117.9	2.0	2.9									
Finance, insurance & real estate	258.9	257.4	250.4	1.5	8.5									
Banking	83.9	83.9	81.9	0.0	2.0									
Insurance	74.1	74.3	72.0	-0.2	2.1									
Services	1,153.5	1,139.4	1,103.0	14.1	50.5									
Business services	181.8	179.4	161.9	2.4	19.9									
Health services	382.5	380.4	373.1	2.1	9.4									
Social Services	69.8	69.4	65.0	0.4	4.8									
Educational service	142.4	143.8	139.0	-1.4	3.4									
Government	681.2	682.5	682.8	-1.3	-1.6									
Federal	134.3	133.8	133.7	0.5	0.6									
State	152.2	152.4	152.7	-0.2	-0.5									
Local	394.7	396.3	396.4	-1.6	-1.7									
Persons in labor-management disputes	2.9	2.0	3.2	0.9	-0.3									

FOOTNOTES.

*Resident Data are workers by place of residence. They include wage and salary workers, self-employed and unpaid family workers and persons involved in labor management disputes.

•Establishment Data are estimates of jobs by place of work. Persons involved in labor management disputes are not included.

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment and Resident Data are benchmarked to first quarter 1984.

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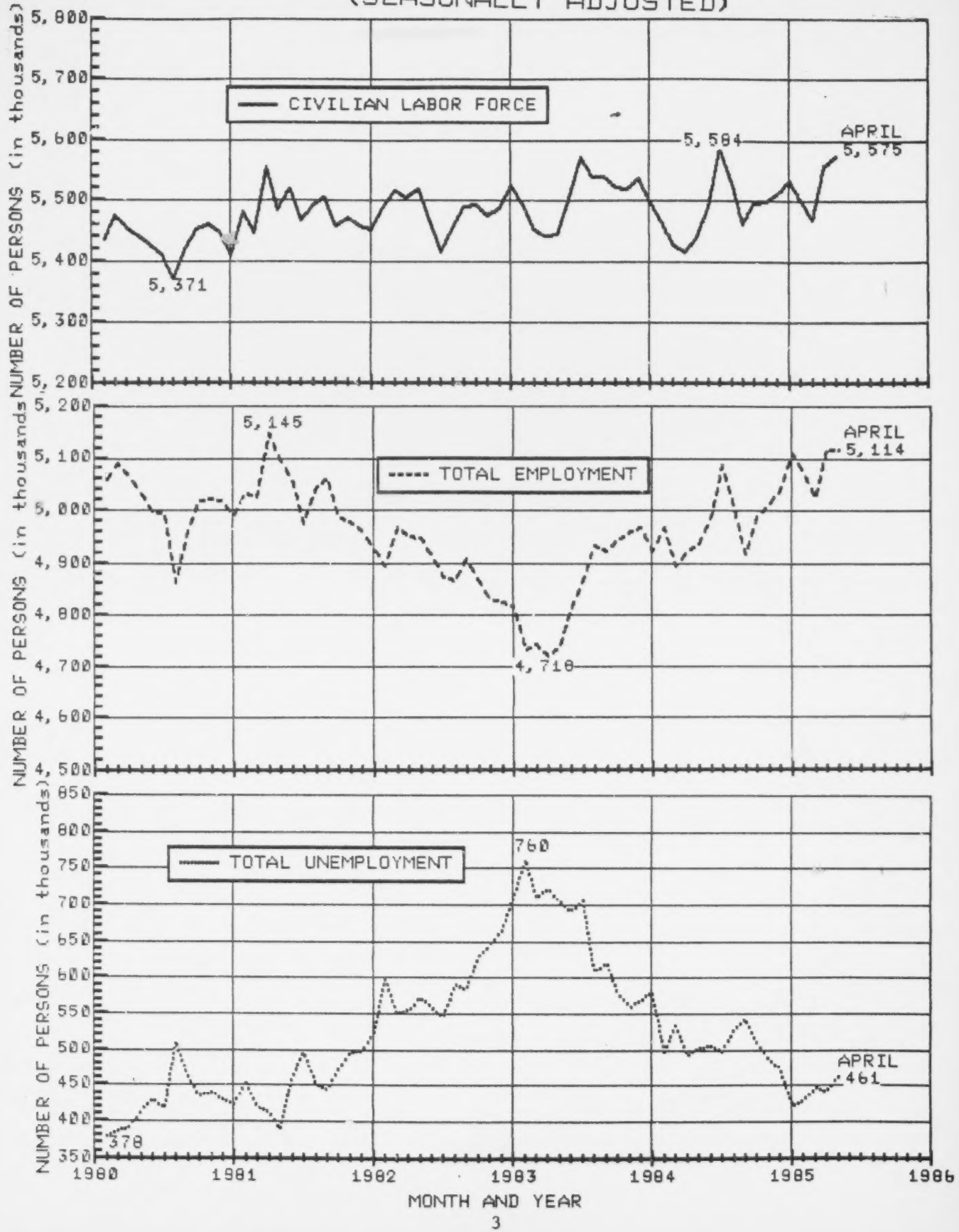

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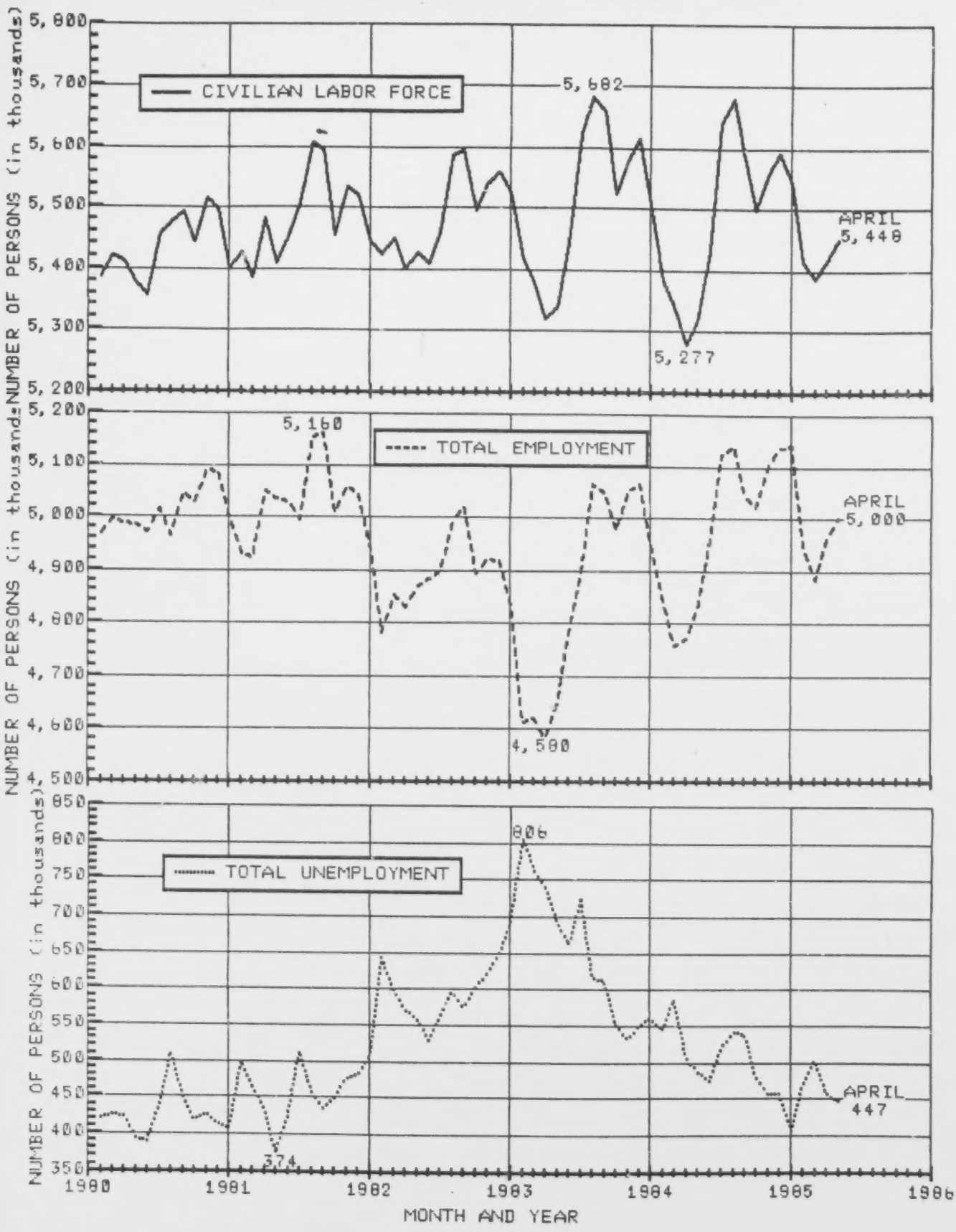

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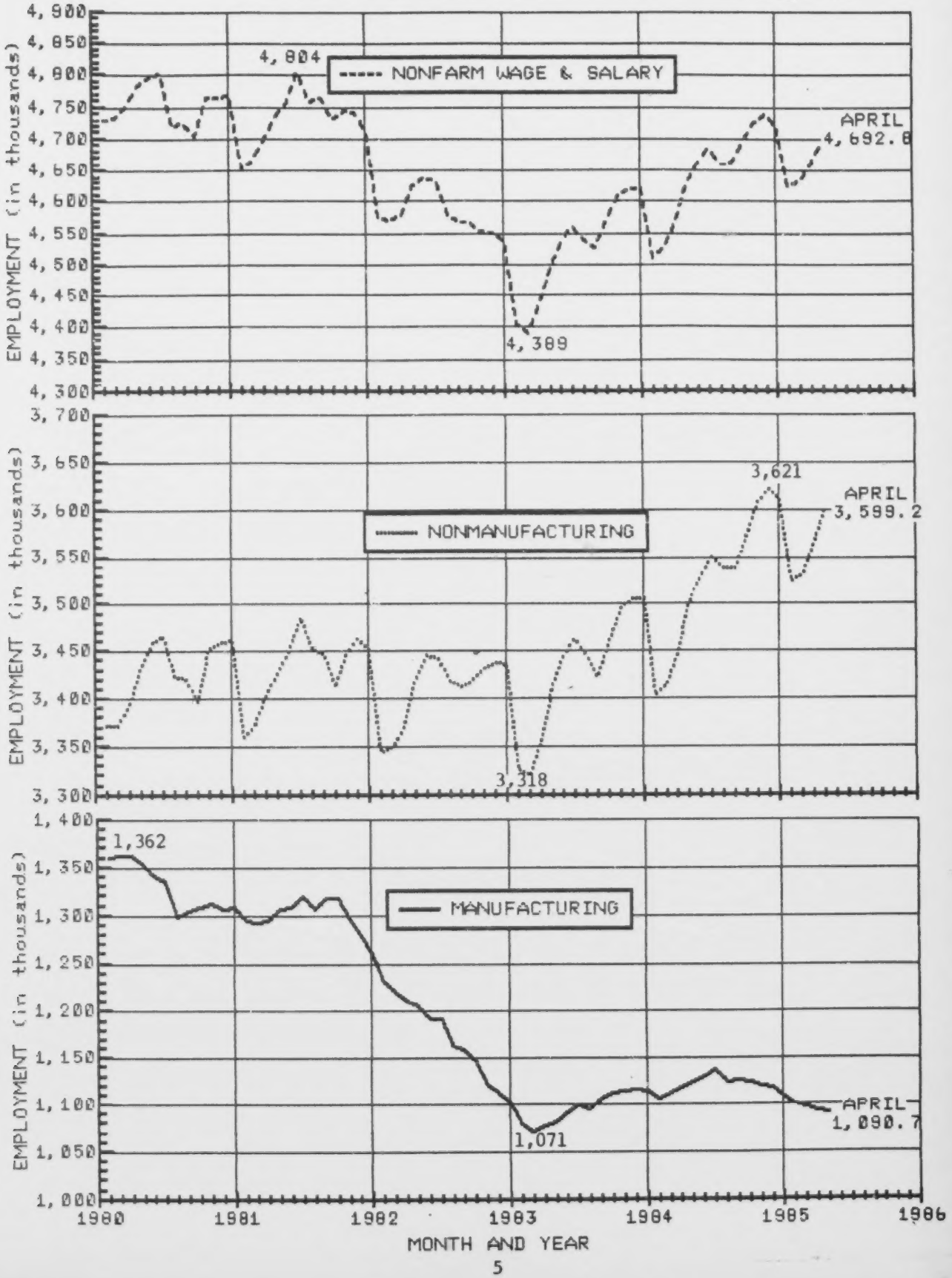

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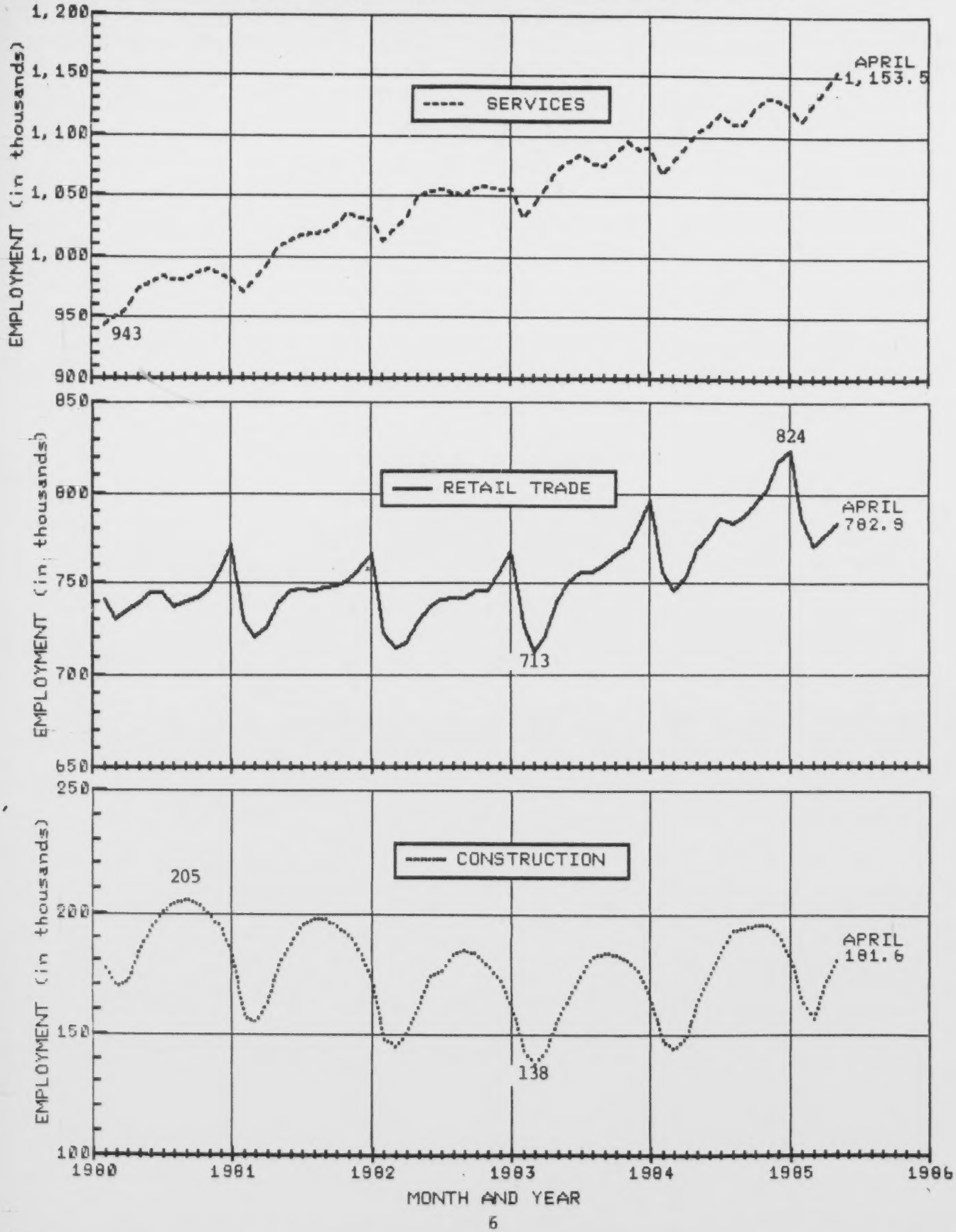

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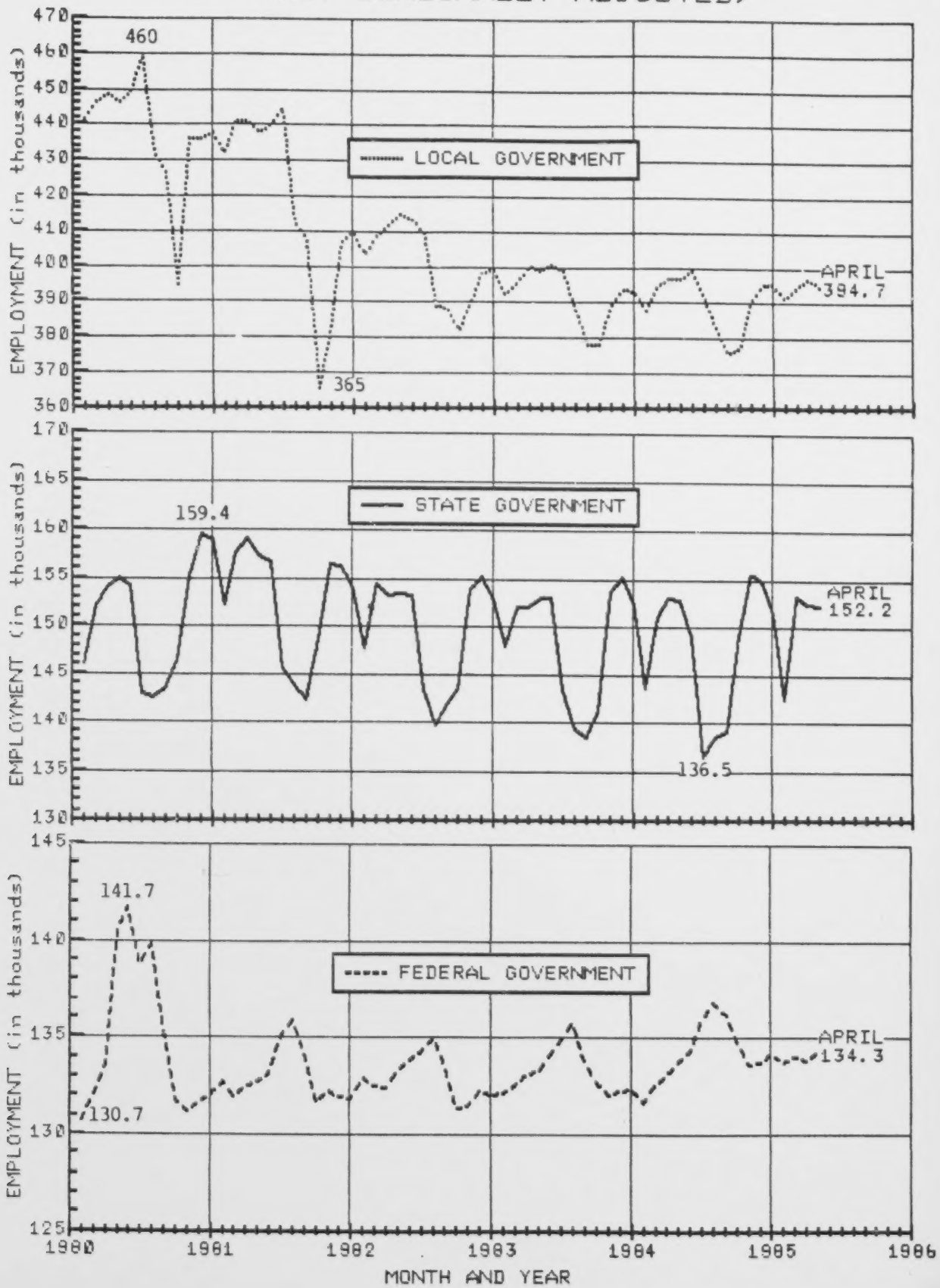

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